For the Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ASUS COMPUTER INT'L, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

No. C 14-1743 PJH

V.

EXOTABLET LTD.,

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO ENLARGE TIME AND FOR EXPEDITED DISCOVERY

Defendant.

Before the court is plaintiffs' motion to enlarge time for hearing and briefing for defendant's motion for preliminary injunction, and for expedited discovery, filed on May 23, 2014. Defendant filed an opposition to the motion on May 27, 2014.

As an initial matter, the court notes that any discovery related to the accused infringing product would lie with the accused infringer – and in this declaratory judgment case, plaintiffs are the accused infringers. Thus, the court does not see how plaintiffs would need additional time to obtain discovery which is already in their own possession, and thus DENIES plaintiffs' motion for expedited discovery.

However, the court does find it reasonably likely that claim construction proceedings may need to be conducted before defendant's motion for preliminary injunction may be resolved. Defendant represents that "no formal claim construction is necessary because the claims of the [patent-in-suit] use simple, clear terms that should all be accorded their plain and ordinary meaning," but the court will be unable to evaluate the merits of that representation until after plaintiffs have filed their opposition to the preliminary injunction motion. If, indeed, plaintiffs' opposition raises claim construction disputes that must be resolved before resolution of the preliminary injunction motion, the court may, at that time,

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 29, 2014

PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON United States District Judge